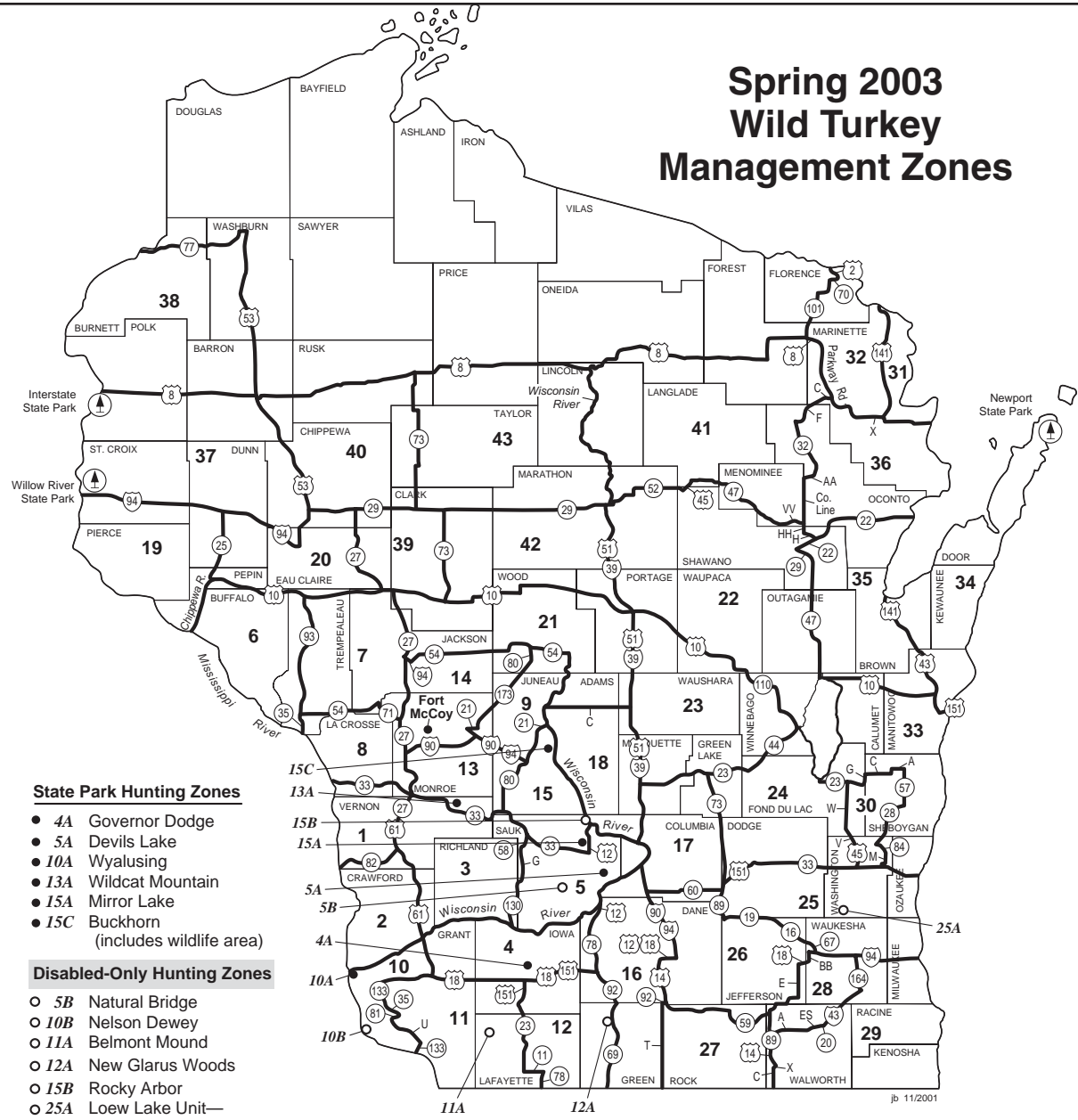


Spring 2003 Wild Turkey Management Zones



State Park Hunting Zones

- **4A** Governor Dodge
- **5A** Devils Lake
- **10A** Wyalusing
- **13A** Wildcat Mountain
- **15A** Mirror Lake
- **15C** Buckhorn (includes wildlife area)

Disabled-Only Hunting Zones

- **5B** Natural Bridge
- **10B** Nelson Dewey
- **11A** Belmont Mound
- **12A** New Glarus Woods
- **15B** Rocky Arbor
- **25A** Loew Lake Unit—Kettle Moraine State Forest*

* Contact the Pike Lake DNR office at 262-670-3400 to receive additional information on youth hunting opportunities in the Loew Lake Unit.

** To apply for Buckhorn Wildlife area B, choose Management Zone 15. For more information regarding hunting at Buckhorn State Park, call 608-565-2789.

**SUPPORT ETHICAL RESPONSIBLE HUNTING
REPORT VIOLATIONS**

**CALL 1-800-847-9367
1-800-TIP-WDNR**

TOLL FREE ♦ STATEWIDE ♦ 24-HOUR ♦ CONFIDENTIAL
(THIS IS NOT AN INFORMATION NUMBER.)

Focus on Safety

**Hunt safely. Always identify your target
and follow the tips below.
Safe hunting is no accident.**

- ♦ Be certain what you see or hear is a turkey—not a decoy or person.
- ♦ Do not wear red, blue or white—the color of a gobbler’s head.
- ♦ Consider wearing blaze orange when moving from place to place.
- ♦ When another hunter approaches never wave, stand or sound a turkey call; use your voice or whistle instead.
- ♦ Avoid stalking turkeys. Use decoys with caution.
- ♦ Select calling or ambush sites with your back to a tree at least as wide as your shoulders and where you can see at least 40 yards in all directions.
- ♦ Never assume you are the only hunter in the woods.
- ♦ Be certain no one is positioned beyond the turkey you are shooting at.

Ask First and Say Thanks!

- ♦ The majority of land within Wisconsin’s turkey management zones is privately owned. Wisconsin landowners appreciate hunters who ask permission to hunt and say thanks afterward. This builds important landowner-hunter trust. Remember, entering private lands without permission is unlawful and creates a bad image for all hunters.
- ♦ A Landowner Appreciation Day envelope is included with each turkey hunting permit. Please consider providing the owner of the property you hunt with a ticket to these banquets.

Questions?

Please contact the DNR Bureau of Wildlife Management at (608) 266-8204 with any questions you have relating to turkey management, quotas, or harvest.

For updated season & license information call the WI DNR Hunting License & Season Information Line at 1-800-282-0367.

TV Show for Kids

Into the Outdoors is DNR’s Emmy Award winning TV show for kids. The half-hour program is hosted by kids who use the Internet to find other kids their age doing outdoor activities and learning about the environment. The show is linked to *EEK!*, DNR’s web site for kids, and airs on weekend mornings. See local TV listings for times and stations.



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2003 Turkey Stamp design by Greg Alexander

Dear Turkey Hunter,

Thank you for being part of one of Wisconsin’s greatest wildlife success stories! The turkey population continues to grow in Wisconsin thanks in large part to you. Please continue to help manage your turkeys correctly by registering turkeys you kill and completing all survey material.

Remember hunting turkeys over bait is **NOT legal** and could include a minimum fine of \$499 and a potential license revocation. Please help us to pass on the turkey-hunting tradition to the next generation. The future of hunting depends upon **you**. Have a safe and successful spring hunt!

Keith Warnke
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Turkey Program Coordinator

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Turkey Permit Drawing System

- ◆ Turkey permits are distributed by drawing using a preference system which determines which applications go into the drawing first, second, etc. First preference is resident landowners, second preference is residents who applied for, but did not receive, a spring permit the previous year, third preference is all other residents. Nonresident landowners followed by other nonresident applicants are fourth and fifth preference respectively. The number of permits for each zone are divided equally amongst each of the six spring time periods. Success in the drawing depends on the number of permits vs. the number of applicants for each time period. Those who restrict their choices to only the early time periods may not draw a permit, while those who apply for any time period may receive two. If permits remain after the first drawing, a second drawing is conducted to issue remaining tags.
- ◆ **Fort McCoy:** Applications for Fort McCoy spring turkey hunting permits may be obtained by calling 608-388-3337 or by writing to Fort McCoy, no earlier than February 1. Write to: Directorate of Training & Mobilization: AFRC-FM-TMR-B (Permit Sales); 110 E. Headquarters Rd.; Ft. McCoy WI 54656-5226. *Note: You may not apply for a Fort McCoy spring turkey permit if you already received approval to hunt turkeys in a Wisconsin turkey hunting zone for the spring 2003 season.*

License Requirements

- ◆ Successful permit applicants are mailed a turkey permit which includes the carcass tag and registration stub, indicating the zone and time period for which the permit is valid.
- ◆ Except for Conservation Patron and Senior Citizen Recreation Card holders, all applicants successful in drawing a permit must purchase a 2003 Spring Turkey License and 2003 Turkey Stamp* to hunt turkeys with firearm or bow: Resident License—\$11.00, Non-resident License—\$55.00, Turkey Stamp—\$5.25.
- ◆ Spring Turkey license and stamp* will be available for purchase beginning mid-March at DNR Service Centers, ALIS license agents, by calling toll-free 1-877-945-4236 or by going on line at www.dnr.state.wi.us (VISA, Mastercard; there is a \$3 handling fee for purchases by phone or Internet.)

* Because the ALIS system prints your turkey stamp “privilege” on your license, the actual stamp is no longer required. The actual stamp is available at DNR service centers for collection purposes.

Turkey Stamp and Carcass Tag

- ◆ Hunters must have their turkey license (with stamp privilege), permit/carcass tag, and registration stub in their possession while hunting.
- ◆ It is illegal to transfer a license, permit/carcass tag, or stamp privilege, or allow their use by anyone else.

Baiting

- ◆ No person shall hunt by the aid of baiting or on or over a baited area where a person knows or reasonably should know that the area is or has been baited. A baited area is considered to be baited for 10 days after the complete removal of the bait. For more details refer to s. NR 10.12 (1)(h).

Special Hunts

- ◆ Loew Lake Unit Novice/Disabled Turkey Hunting: Spring turkey hunting is available for a limited number of first time and class A & C Disabled hunters. For information call (262) 670-3400 or write to: KMSF-Pike Lake, 3544 Kettle Moraine Rd., Hartford, WI 53027.
- ◆ Wild Turkey Hunting for People with Disabilities: Hunters applying for a class A or C permit are required to obtain permission from a landowner willing to sponsor a hunt and must meet all application requirements. For information or special hunt application (forms 2300-271 and 2300-271A) please contact your local DNR Service Center or the assistant upland ecologist at (608) 266-8204, 101 S. Webster St., Box 7921, Madison WI 53707-7921.

Additional State Park Hunts

- ◆ In 2003, 2004 and 2005 extra Spring turkey hunting opportunities will be offered to a select number of turkey hunters in zones 34 and 37. Hunters who receive a permit/ carcass tag valid for one of the first **three** time periods in zones 34 or 37 will have the opportunity to enter a secondary drawing to Spring turkey hunt in 3 additional state park properties: Newport, Interstate and Willow River State Parks (see map). In addition to turkey license, stamp and permit/carcass tag, a free map/permit will be issued to those who are successfully drawn. This state park permit is **not** an additional permit, but will simply allow the hunter the opportunity to hunt at one of these state park properties. For more information please contact the park office or the Bureau of Wildlife Management at 608-266-8204.


Bag Limit

- ◆ The bag limit is one bearded or male turkey per tag issued. A bearded turkey is a turkey with a bristle-like appendage protruding from the upper part of the breast. **Note:** Turkeys with white plumage may be harvested and must be tagged in accordance with proper tagging procedures. **Note:** Applicants receiving 2 tags may harvest 2 turkeys on the same day *only if* both tags are for the same time period.

On-line Convenience!

- ❖ Apply for your bear permit on-line!
- ❖ Purchase your bear license on-line!

Check out www.dnr.state.wi.us for details.



Other Restrictions

- ◆ You may not hunt turkeys:
 1. By any means other than a shotgun or muzzle-loading shotgun fired from the shoulder, or a bow and arrow.
 2. With shotshells loaded with shot **larger** than:
 - ✖ no. 2 steel
 - ✖ no. 4 lead or
 - ✖ other no. 4 non-steel shot
 3. With the aid of recorded bird calls or sounds, or electrically amplified imitations of bird calls or sounds.
 4. With the aid of dogs.
 5. With live decoys for the purposes of enticing turkeys.
 6. With the aid of bait.

Assisting Other Hunters

- ◆ You **must** possess a turkey hunting license, stamp and valid, unused carcass tag if you possess a firearm or bow *and*;
 - a) a turkey decoy or calling device, or
 - b) a member of your hunting party possesses a turkey decoy or calling device
- ◆ No license is required to call turkeys for another hunter if the caller does not possess a firearm or bow. However, a guide license is required if a fee is charged.

Tagging, Transport and Possession

- ◆ Upon killing a turkey, immediately validate the carcass tag by cutting the slit corresponding to the day of kill; then attach and seal the tag to the featherless part of the turkey’s leg.
- ◆ You may not carry by hand, possess or transport a turkey unless you have lawfully killed and tagged the turkey.

Registration

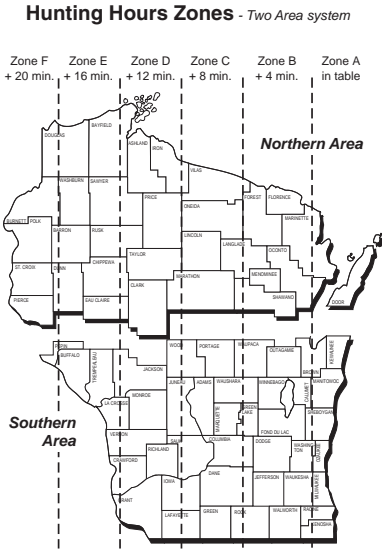
- ◆ Bring your tagged turkey and registration stub (attached to the carcass tag) to a designated registration station no later than 5:00 P.M. the day after it is killed. An additional registration tag will be attached to lawfully taken turkeys; keep this tag until the meat has been eaten.

Turkey Hunter Education

- ◆ Learn turkey biology and behavior, turkey hunting methods, regulations, safety precautions, landowner-hunter ethics, scoring trophy birds, and ideas on how to prepare your bird. These **FREE Turkey Hunting Education Clinics** will be held around the state during February and March and are sponsored by the Wisconsin DNR and the Wisconsin Chapter of the National Wild Turkey Federation. Plan on attending one in your area and either brush-up on your skills or learn new techniques to bag that elusive long-beard. Contact your local DNR office for a list of clinic dates, times and locations.

Hunting Hours

- ◆ Spring turkey hunting hours are from ½ hour before sunrise to 5:00 P.M. each day. Wisconsin’s hunting time zones are shown below.
- ◆ To determine the opening (A.M.) time for all zones except “A,” add the minutes shown (see map) to the Zone-A time listed in the table. The closing time for all zones is 5:00 P.M.



Season Dates and Opening Times for Zone A Northern Hunting Time Zones.

① April 16 5:33 A.M. April 17 5:31 A.M. April 18 5:30 A.M. April 19 5:28 A.M. April 20 5:26 A.M.	③ April 30 5:10 A.M. May 1 5:08 A.M. May 2 5:07 A.M. May 3 5:05 A.M. May 4 5:04 A.M.	⑤ May 14 4:51 A.M. May 15 4:49 A.M. May 16 4:48 A.M. May 17 4:47 A.M. May 18 4:46 A.M.
② April 23 5:21 A.M. April 24 5:20 A.M. April 25 5:18 A.M. April 26 5:16 A.M. April 27 5:15 A.M.	④ May 7 5:00 A.M. May 8 4:58 A.M. May 9 4:57 A.M. May 10 4:56 A.M. May 11 4:54 A.M.	⑥ May 21 4:43 A.M. May 22 4:42 A.M. May 23 4:41 A.M. May 24 4:40 A.M. May 25 4:39 A.M.

Season Dates and Opening Times for Zone A Southern Hunting Time Zones.

① April 16 5:37 A.M. April 17 5:35 A.M. April 18 5:34 A.M. April 19 5:32 A.M. April 20 5:30 A.M.	③ April 30 5:15 A.M. May 1 5:14 A.M. May 2 5:12 A.M. May 3 5:11 A.M. May 4 5:09 A.M.	⑤ May 14 4:57 A.M. May 15 4:56 A.M. May 16 4:55 A.M. May 17 4:54 A.M. May 18 4:53 A.M.
② April 23 5:26 A.M. April 24 5:24 A.M. April 25 5:23 A.M. April 26 5:21 A.M. April 27 5:20 A.M.	④ May 7 5:06 A.M. May 8 5:04 A.M. May 9 5:03 A.M. May 10 5:02 A.M. May 11 5:01 A.M.	⑥ May 21 4:50 A.M. May 22 4:49 A.M. May 23 4:48 A.M. May 24 4:47 A.M. May 25 4:47 A.M.